

BLASCHKE PRODUCTS OF GIVEN QUANTITY INDEX

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Quantity index $p[f]$ of a function meromorphic in the disc and of bounded Nevanlinna characteristic is defined by the equality $p[f] = p - 1$ where $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ and $q = \sup\{s \geq 1: \|\ln |f(re^{i\varphi})|\|_{L^s[-\pi;\pi]} = O(1), r \rightarrow 1\}$.

Theorem. For each $p \in [1, +\infty]$ there exists a Blaschke product $B(z)$ such that $p[B] = p - 1$.

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of complex numbers such that $0 < |a_n| < 1$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - |a_n|) < \infty$. The Blaschke product

$$B(z) := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n - z}{1 - \bar{a}_n z} \frac{\bar{a}_n}{|a_n|}$$

generated by the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is analytic function in the unit disc $\mathbb{D} := \{z: |z| < 1\}$ with zeros $\{a_n\}$. The inequality $|B(z)| < 1$ is true and the Nevanlinna characteristic $T(r, B)$ is bounded [1, Lemma 6.6].

Therefore, for studying behavior of the Blaschke product $B(z)$ as $|z| \rightarrow 1$ it is convenient to use the integral means

$$m_s(r, B) := \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\log |B(re^{i\varphi})||^s \varphi \right)^{1/s},$$

where $s \in [1, \infty[$, $r \in [0, 1[$.

It follows from the Jensen formula [1, § 1.1] that for any Blaschke product, $m_1(r, B)$ is bounded. In [2] L.R. Sons considered the Blaschke product with zeros $a_n = 1 - (n+1)^{-4/3}$ for which $m_2(r, B) \rightarrow \infty$ as $r \rightarrow 1$. In view of it we define the quantity index $p(B)$ of a Blaschke product $B(z)$ as follows $p(B) := p - 1$, where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and

$$q := \sup\{s \in [1, +\infty[: m_s(r, B) = O(1), r \rightarrow 1\}.$$

Theorem. For any $p \in [1, +\infty]$ there exists a Blaschke product $B(z)$ of quantity index $p(B) = p - 1$.

Proof. We consider three cases.

1. $p = +\infty$. Let $\rho(r) \in C^1[0, 1]$ be a function such that:

- i) $\rho(r) \geq 0$; ii) $\rho(r) \rightarrow 1$ as $r \rightarrow 1$; iii) $\rho'(r)(1-r) \log(1-r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow 1$;
- iv) $\int_0^1 (1-t)^{-\rho(t)} dt < \infty$ (for example, $\rho(r) = 1 + \log(\log^2(1-r))/\log(1-r)$).

Let $D(z; R) = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : |w - z| < R\}$, M_j be positive constants. We take the Blaschke product $B(z)$ with positive zeros $\{a_n\}$ such that the number $n(r)$ of a_n in the disc $\{z : |z| \leq t\}$ counted according to multiplicity satisfies

$$n(r) \sim \Delta(1-r)^{-\rho(r)}, \quad \Delta \in]0; +\infty[,$$

as $r \rightarrow 1$.

Then

$$\log |B(z)| = \operatorname{Re} \left(-2\Delta(1-z)^{-1} \int_{1-|z|}^1 (1-t)^{-\rho(t)} dt \right) (1 + \gamma(z)), \quad (1)$$

where $\gamma(z) \rightarrow 0$ uniformly as $z \rightarrow 1$, $z \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D(a_n; r_n)$,

$$\sum_{n: a_n + r_n \geq r} r_n = o(1-r), \quad r \rightarrow 1. \quad (2)$$

The asymptotic formula (1) follows from [3]. It should be mentioned that in [3] the product of zero genus was not considered but the conclusion of the theorem from [3] and the proof remain to be true for this case.

Now we obtain the lower estimate for $m_s(r, B)$ using the method from [4] (see also [5, p. 20-21]). Choose $\arg(1-z)$ in the domain $\mathbb{C} \setminus [1; \infty[$ such that $\arg 1 = 0$ and denote by $A = A(r)$ the set

$$\{\varphi : \arg(1 - re^{i\varphi}) \in \left[-\frac{3\pi}{4}, -\frac{2\pi}{4}\right] = [\varphi_1(r); \varphi_2(r)] \subset [0, \pi/2],$$

where $\varphi_j(r) = \arcsin(r^{-1} \sin \alpha_j) - \alpha_j$, $j = 1, 2$, $\alpha_1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $\alpha_2 = \frac{\pi}{3}$. It is easy to see that for r sufficiently near one the intersection of the set $\{re^{i\varphi} : \varphi \in A\}$ with an exceptional set satisfying (2) is empty.

By (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (m_s(r, B))^s &\geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_A |\log |B(re^{i\varphi})||^s d\varphi \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2\pi} (\Delta \int_r^1 (1-t)^{-\rho(t)} dt)^s \int_A |\operatorname{Re}(1 - re^{i\varphi})^{-1}|^s d\varphi. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Let us continue the estimate (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_A |\operatorname{Re}(1 - re^{i\varphi})^{-1}|^s d\varphi &= \int_A |1 - re^{i\varphi}|^s |\cos \arg(1 - re^{i\varphi})|^s d\varphi \geq \\ &\geq (\cos \frac{\pi}{3})^s \int_A |1 - re^{i\varphi}|^{-s} d\varphi. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Further, $\min\{|1 - re^{i\varphi}|^{-s} : \varphi \in A = [\varphi_1(r); \varphi_2(r)]\} = |1 - re^{i\varphi_2(r)}|^{-s}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\varphi_1(r)}^{\varphi_2(r)} |1 - re^{i\varphi}|^{-s} d\varphi &\geq |1 - re^{i\varphi_2(r)}|^{-s} (\varphi_2(r) - \varphi_1(r)) \sim \\ &\sim (1-r)^{-s} (\cos \frac{\pi}{3})^s (1-r) (\operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{3} - \operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{4}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

as $r \rightarrow 1$. By (3)–(5)

$$m_s(r, B) \geq (2\pi)^{-s} \frac{\Delta}{4} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1\right)^{1/s} (1-r)^{-1+1/s} \int_r^1 (1-t)^{-\rho(t)} dt \rightarrow \infty$$

as $r \rightarrow 1$.

2. $p \in]1; \infty[$. Let us consider the Blaschke product $B(z)$ formed with positive zeros $\{a_n\}$ such that $n(r) \sim \Delta(1-r)^{-\rho}$, $0 < \Delta < \infty$, $\rho = 1 - \frac{1}{p}$, as $r \rightarrow 1$.

An integration by parts shows

$$\log B(z) = \int_0^1 \log \frac{t-z}{1-tz} dn(t) = \int_0^1 \frac{(1-z^2)n(t)}{(t-z)(1-tz)} dt. \quad (6)$$

Here $\log B(z)$ is chosen in the domain $\mathbb{D} \setminus [a_1; 1[$ to satisfy the condition $\log B(0) < 0$.

Further, applying the inequality $|1-tz| \geq |1-z|/2$, $t \in [0, 1]$, $z \in \mathbb{D}$, and cutting the tails of the integral we get that

$$|\log |B(z)|| \leq M_1 \int_0^1 \frac{(1-t)^{-\rho}}{|t-z|} dt = M_1 \int_{a(z)}^{b(z)} \frac{(1-t)^{-\rho}}{|t-z|} dt + o(|1-z|^{-\rho}), \quad r \rightarrow 1, \quad (7)$$

where $a(z) = 1 + |1-z| \log |1-z|$, $b(z) = 1 + |1-z|(\log |1-z|)^{-1}$.

It is easy to see (compare [1, § 4.6.4]) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a(z)}^{b(z)} \frac{(1-t)^{-\rho}}{|t-z|} dt &\leq (1-b(z))^{-\rho} \int_{a(z)}^{b(z)} \frac{dt}{|t-z|} \leq \\ &\leq M_2 |1-z|^{-\rho} \log^\rho \frac{2}{|1-z|} \left(\log \log \frac{8}{|1-z|} + \log \frac{4}{|\arg(1-z)|} \right) \leq \\ &\leq M_3 |1-z|^{-\rho-\varepsilon} \log \frac{4}{|\arg(1-z)|}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $\arg(1-z)$ is chosen as in the part 1 and a number ε satisfies $\rho < \rho + \varepsilon < 1$. Let $E(r) = \{\varphi : |\arg(1-re^{i\varphi})| \leq 1-r\}$. Therefore, we get that for s satisfying the inequality $(\rho + \varepsilon)s < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} m_s^s(r, B) &\leq M_4 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |1-re^{i\varphi}|^{-(\rho+\varepsilon)s} \log^s \frac{4}{|\arg(1-re^{i\varphi})|} d\varphi = \\ &= M_4 \left(\int_{E(r)} + 2 \int_{[0, \pi] \setminus E(r)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E(r)} |1 - re^{i\varphi}|^{-(\rho+\varepsilon)s} \log^s \frac{4}{|\arg(1 - re^{i\varphi})|} d\varphi &\leq \\ &\leq M_5 (1-r)^{-(\rho+\varepsilon)s} \int_0^{1-r} \log^s \frac{4}{\psi} d\psi (1-r) = O(1) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

as $r \rightarrow 1$.

The second integral is estimated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[0, \pi] \setminus E(r)} |1 - re^{i\varphi}|^{-(\rho+\varepsilon)s} \log^s \frac{4}{|\arg(1 - re^{i\varphi})|} d\varphi &\leq \\ &\leq M \int_{1-r}^{\pi/4} (1-r)^{-(\rho+\varepsilon)s} \psi^{-(\rho+\varepsilon)} \log^s \frac{4}{\psi} d\psi (1-r) + O(1) = O(1), \quad r \rightarrow 1. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Combining (10) and (11) we obtain $p(B) \leq p - 1$. It is shown in [6] that

$$\log |B(z)| = \operatorname{Re}((1-z)^{-\rho} M(\rho, \operatorname{sgn} \operatorname{Im} z))(1 + o(1)), \quad z \rightarrow 1, \quad |\arg(1-z)| \geq \delta, \quad (12)$$

where $M(\rho, \operatorname{sgn} \operatorname{Im} z)$ is a constant depending on ρ and $\operatorname{sgn} \operatorname{Im} z$. In the similar way as in the part 1 we can prove that if $s > 1/\rho$ then $m_s(r, B) \rightarrow \infty$ as $r \rightarrow 1$. Therefore, on the other hand we get $p(B) \geq p - 1$ and thus $p(B) = p - 1$.

3. $p = 1$. In this case we take Blaschke product with counting function $n(t)$ of slow growth.

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